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(57) Abstract

An implantable cardioverter capable of delivering pacing and cardioversion level therapies. The device distinguishes between stable and unstable ventricular tachyarrhythmias by monitoring the progression of atrial cycle lengths during the detected ventricular tachyarrhythmia. A detected increase in atrial cycle lengths during the early stages of the detected ventricular tachycardia is taken as an indication of hemodynamically unstable ventricular tachycardia (122).

